Creation of separate MCI

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for creation of a separate Medical Council of India and its main functions; and

(b) whether Government propose to wind up such councils to economise Government expenditure and execute their work themselves with a few experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) There is at present only one Medical Council of India set up under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956. The main functions of this Council are inspection/visitation of medical colleges with a view to maintaining proper standards of medical education in India and for recommending to the Central Government for grant of permission to open medical colleges, increase of seats, to start postgraduate courses, recognition/ de-recognition of Indian medical qualifications and foreign medical qualifications; maintenance of Indian Medical Register and registration of additional qualifications; issue of good standing certificate etc. There is no proposal with the Central Government to execute the work of Medical Council of India with a few experts.